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EMBASSY HAS LEARNED INFORMALLY THAT 253RD ARMY SECURITY AGENCY DETACHMENT LOCATED VICINITY TAIPEI ENGAGED IN ELECTRONIS COUNTER-MEASURES ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN DIRECTED DISCONTINUE OPERATIONS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER JULY 1, 1958. IN ADDITION REPORTS INDICATE UNIT ALREADY COMMENCING TO REMOVE AND SHIP SOME EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL. HOWEVER FULL TRAINING FOR CHINESE AND A REDUCED OPERATION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL JULY 1.

OF THE SEVERAL SECURITY AGENCY UNITS LOCATED VICINITY LINKOU NEAR TAIPEI ONLY 253RD ELECTRONICS COUNTERMEASURES UNIT IS COVERED BY US-GRC AGREEMENT. UNDER THAT AGREEMENT THE 253RD HAS BEEN PROVIDING TRAINING FOR GRC PERSONNEL AND SOME PRODUCT FROM THE UNIT HAS BEEN GIVEN CHINESE. THIS PARTICIPATION BY GRC HAS BEEN USEFUL QUID PRO QUO IN PAST US-GRC DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS RELATING PRESENCE AND OPERATION UNITED STATES MILITARY ACTIVITIES ON TAIWAN. THIS CONNECTION ATTENTION IS INVITED TO NEGOTIATING HISTORY LINKOU ANNEX TO MILITARY FACILITIES AGREEMENT WHICH IS PART STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT UNDER DISCUSSION FOR SOME TIME. IN VIEW CURRENT ACTIVITY NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD AGREEMENT FOR COLLINS SCATTERWAVE PROJECT AND UPCOMING RESUMPTION STATUS OF FORCES NEGOTIATION EMBASSY IS OF OPINION THAT DISCONTINUANCE 253RD ACTIVITIES AND NOTIFICATION TO GRC SHOULD BE DELAYED.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT DIRECTIVE TO 253RD INDICATES POSSIBILITY THAT ELINT

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THAT ELINT TRAINING FOR CHINESE ON TAIWAN MAY BE CONTINUED OTHER THAN AS A UNIT. FURTHER EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT UNITED STATES SHOULD BE ABLE TO INFORM GRC WHETHER OR NOT UNITED STATES WILL PROVIDE ELINT TRAINING IN FUTURE WHEN NOTICE DISCONTINUANCE OF 253RD IS GIVEN.

ACTION BY EMBASSY TO INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ACTION BY TDC TO INFORM MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE BEING DEFERRED UNTIL RECEIPT STATE/DEFENSE GUIDANCE WHICH NEEDED URGENT BASIS.

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